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**Extract from the Letter of Resignation of
Mrs. William H. Baldwin, Jr., as Chairman of
the National League on Urban Conditions
Among Negroes, because of ill health.**

"Looking back over the recent years I think we may feel that we have made as good progress as we could fairly expect—in some directions a greater progress than we dared hope so soon.

"No one not closely associated with the work can realize how serious have been the difficulties and discouragements which we have faced, nor appreciate how far short of our ideals our accomplishment frequently has fallen. None the less, this last year in particular has brought a realization that our labors have been by no means in vain, and we can look forward with reasonable confidence to a future of increasing usefulness.

"The civic usefulness of groups of colored men and women, stirred to a realization of their own living problems and ready to co-operate with the best and most forward-looking white people in each community towards a bettering of the total community life, should naturally be very great, and just here is the point which I hope we may continue to emphasize: that, altho' the problem to which we have set ourselves is one of definite limits, namely, the improvement of all the living conditions of Negroes in cities, the best spirit in which to approach it is by considering it as a part of the larger problem of developing a more wholesome community life in general and a sounder national democracy.

"That is to say, when we, colored and white people, banded together in our League, seek to better conditions among the Negroes of Harlem or San Juan Hill or Brooklyn, we seek also to help in some measure towards a truer realization of the ideals of sound community living in our great Republic.

"Similarly, the affiliated organization in Richmond, or Savannah, or Augusta, works not only for the Negroes of each of those cities but for the city itself, because, as loyal citizens of Richmond or Savannah or Augusta, the members of the League are bound to do all possible to enhance her fair name in state and in nation. Let us work, not as colored people nor as white people for the narrow benefit of any group alone, but together, as American citizens, for the common good of our common city, our common country.

Yours faithfully,

(Signed) RUTH STANDISH BALDWIN."

WHAT WE DO IN KEEPING WITH THIS IDEAL.

1. Try to show social welfare agencies the advantage of co-operation.
2. Secure and train social workers.
3. Protect women and children from unscrupulous persons.
4. Fit workers to and for work.
5. Help to secure playgrounds and other clean places for amusement.
6. Organize boys' and girls' clubs and neighborhood unions.
7. Help with probation oversight of delinquents.
8. Maintain a country home for convalescent women.
9. Investigate conditions of city life as a basis for practical work.
10. Organize movements in various cities to work along the lines mentioned above.

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